

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 1st 2004

Limerick and IRTS AGM

The Limerick Radio Club have some further information relating to the up-coming rally. Final touches are now been put in place for the Limerick Rally. The list of confirmed attendees to date are ICOM UK, Linear Amp UK, YAESU UK, Cellcom, Long Communications and Southeast Communications.

There are several others in the pipeline and the club are awaiting confirmation from them. A demonstration of Licence free Wide Area Networking operating on 2.4 GHz will take place, where the advantages of a high speed Internet connection will be shown. Included in this will be the operation of EchoLink, where licensed operators from their computer can QSO with fellow amateurs around the world regardless of propagation conditions.

The first of the raffle prizes have been confirmed. Yaesu are donating an FT8800R dual band mobile transceiver for the rally and also a VR120 scanner for the AGM dinner. Icom will confirm their prizes next week.

Bring and Buy will feature as usual, due to circumstances beyond the control of Limerick Radio Club the cost of the tables have increased to €10. This is simply due to the cost of hiring and delivery to the hotel, which has increased this year. Last year the club actually lost money in providing tables. It is with regret that LRC have had to increase the price.

The IRTS dinner will take place on Saturday night 6th and Tickets are now available from Paul EI6FE or Sean EI4GK. The AGM on the Sunday will take place after the Rally at 14.30 Hrs.

Further information can be had from members of LRC or by contacting Paul EI6FE at QTHR.

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club annual radio rally and equipment sale will take place on Sunday the 8th of February 2004 at 12:00 p.m. in the Coolmine Community School, Clonsilla, Dublin 15. Admission is 3 euro and talk in will be available on S22. There will be a bring and buy stand, light refreshments and parking is free. For more information contact, Tom on 01-8211043, Tony EI7GI on 01-8252074 or Martin

EI4DE on 01-8214544.

The Shannon Basin Radio Club

The next meeting of Shannon Basin Radio Club will take place on Wednesday evening, the 4th of February, in the Royal Hotel, Roscommon 20:30 Hrs.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of the Group will take place on Wednesday the 25th of February 2004 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Social & Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. Further information will be circulated to members during the coming week. All members are asked to attend and visitors are welcome.

South Dublin Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club takes place on Tuesday the 24th of February, at 8.00 p.m. in the club's QTH at Marian Road, Rathfarnham. All members are requested to attend.

The club would like to remind radio experimenters that SDR Spring Challenge time has come around again: The "challenge" is to work as many DXCC countries on as many HF bands as possible during the month of February. Full rules are available on the club's web site www.qsl.net/ei2sdr (or see page 18 of the 2003 IRTS yearbook).

Glengormley Electronics and Amateur Radio Society GEARS are once again running an Inter Club Quiz Challenge, for the GEARS Perpetual Trophy. The event will take place on Friday the 27th of February 2004 at 8 p.m. in the club premises, Knockagh Lodge, Greenisland and it is hoped that last year's winners, the South Dublin Radio Club will be returning to defend their title. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Further information can be obtained from any club member, or by e-mail to info@gn0xyz.com.

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